GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-FRENCH STRATEGIC TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-French strategic talks (seventh roun

(d) were held recently;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held;

(c) the outcome thereof: and

(d) the details of the issues which both the countries propose to raise at the international level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) & b) Yes Sir, the 7th round of Indo-French Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 31st July - 1st August 2001. India and France discussed bilateral, regional and global security issues of mutual concern.

c) & d) The purpose of the dialogue is to deepen mutual understanding on international strategic issues on which there is a close identity of views. This reinforces our respective efforts in international fora in promoting international peace and security and enables greater cooperation in relevant international fora on all important issues of mutual concern.